

Preparing to attend the Engineering & CS Career Fair

The Engineering & Computer Science Career Fair is only a week away. This is your last opportunity to be prepared for the day of the fair. Use the checklist we have provided here to make sure you are not forgetting anything.

Hopefully you already have your resume updated and ready to go. If not, [go here](#)

Having a [well-prepared elevator speech](#) will help you feel more comfortable when meeting with employers you are interested in. It's important to customize your elevator speech to each company you hope to visit. This is where your company research comes in.

You must [research the companies you hope to visit with](#) at the fair in order to show your knowledge of them and your level of interest. The more you can talk about why you like them, the more interest they are likely to have in you.

Career Fair Checklist

- [Updated Resume](#)
- [Elevator Speech](#)
- [Employer List](#)
- [Research Employers](#)
- [Professional Dress](#)
- [Follow-up Strategy](#)

Also, if your target employers have jobs posted on UICcareers or their website, make sure to *apply before the fair*.

Be sure to only visit with the employers with hiring preferences that meet your current situation. The [employer list](#) is broken down by major, degree, positions and F1 hiring status. Do not waste your time standing in the wrong line of an employer who is unable to hire you.

Professional dress is important in making a first impression with an employer. We encourage everyone to wear business suits to the career fair. If you don't have a suit, you should still [look professional](#). Avoid jeans or casual dress.

As you prepare for the career fair, keep researching the employers you hope to meet with and keep practicing your elevator speech to build your confidence and make a great impression.

NEXT WEEK:
[Navigating the career fair](#)



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CAREER TOOLBOX

Resume | Cover Letter | Searching | Networking
Following Up | Interviewing | Negotiating Offers

Engineering & Computer Science Career Fair

DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 19th
TIME: 10 AM – 2:30 PM
LOCATION: UIC Forum

100+ Employers
Tips to prepare



EVENTS

Resume Drive-Ins
Wed. 4-6PM & Friday 1-3 PM
ERF 1043
[Resume Review Session Info](#)

Chicago Diversity Career Fair
Tues. Sept. 12th | 11AM – 3PM
Embassy Suites Chicago
[Career Fair Info](#)

Best Buy Pop-Up
Friday Sept. 15th | 10AM – 2PM
CS Lounge | Major: CompE, CS
[Pop-Up Details](#)

Relativity Tech Talk
Mon. Sept. 11th | 5 - 6:30 PM
CS Lounge – SELE 2268
[Event Details](#)

LinkedIn Workshops
Every Tuesday | 3-4PM
ECC - SEO 822
[LinkedIn Workshop Info](#)

CNH – Office hours with SWE
Fri. Sept. 15th | 11AM – 1PM
SEO 115 | Major: SWE members
[Event Details](#)

US Foods Pop-Up
Wed. Sept. 13th | 10:30 AM – 2PM
CS Lounge | Major: CompE, CS
[Pop-Up Details](#)

AICHe Virtual Career Fair
Thurs. Sept. 14th | 11AM - 3PM
Online | Majors: ChemE
[Event Details](#)

Process Expo
Sept. 19 – 22
McCormick Place Chicago
[Event Details](#)

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Career Advice from the Experts

We have hand-selected recent articles with career development advice to help you prepare for your future career in engineering.

Featured articles this week: Preparing for a career fair

- [Prepare for the Engineering & CS Career Fair](#)
- [10 keys to success at career fairs](#)
- [Elevator speech examples and tips](#)

Resume Tips & Examples

Engineering Career Center

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Walk-in Hours

Tuesday – Thursday | 12 – 4PM

Services Offered

- Individual career coaching
- Resume and cover letter reviews
- Interview preparation
- Salary and job offer negotiation
- Internship & full-time job search strategies
- Career Fair preparation (Elevator speech)
- Professional etiquette
- Networking & LinkedIn tips
- Career related workshops

NOW HIRING: Featured Employers

Companies with postings on UICcareers

